

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re: . Brooklyn, New York
. November 4, 2015
NANCY ROJAS-TORRES, .
. 15-40265
Debtor. . Calendar Time:
. 3:30 P.M.

[5] ORDER SCHEDULING STATUS CONFERENCE FOR THE PURPOSE
OF DETERMINING AN APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE FOR THE PROPER
ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CASE

CONFIRMATION HEARING

BEFORE HONORABLE CARLA E. CRAIG

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1 THE CLERK: Number 33 and 34, Nancy Rojas-Torres.
2 Appearances, please.

3 MR. PORTILLA: Julio Portilla for the debtor, Nancy
4 Rojas.

5 MR. CARLEBACH: David Carlebach, representing Empire
6 Assets Growth, a secured creditor.

7 MR. CURTIN: William Curtin and Rachel Weinberger for
8 the United States Trustee.

9 THE CLERK: Party on the phone.

10 MR. SILVERBERG: Karl Silverberg here for AAPP, LLC.

11 THE COURT: Okay. So you haven't filed an amended
12 plan, Mr. Portilla.

13 MR. PORTILLA: Yes, your Honor. You know, pursuant
14 to the status letter, which was filed today by AAPP's counsel,
15 we have been negotiating, and we're finalizing an agreement
16 between the debtor --

17 THE COURT: This is the same deal you were talking about
18 30 days ago, correct?

19 MR. PORTILLA: The same deal, your Honor. The deal
20 is contingent on them getting accurate payoff and also getting
21 an accurate rent roll.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Is there -- isn't there a proof of
23 claim on file? Is there a proof of claim on file?

24 MR. CARLEBACH: There is, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: So wouldn't you just add per diem interest
2 to that and you've got -- there's a foreclosure judgment, correct?
3 Is there or not?

4 MR. PORTILLA: No. There was no judgment.

5 MR. CARLEBACH: There's no foreclosure judgment.

6 THE COURT: Does the proof of claim indicate the per
7 diem interest? I'm just saying can't you figure out the amount
8 that's owed from the proof of claim?

9 MR. PORTILLA: The bank wants an official payoff
10 letter.

11 MR. CARLEBACH: We gave them an official payout at the
12 last go-round. We can -- it's just a question of updating it
13 with some per -- they know what the per diem interest is. Per
14 diem interest, maybe some attorney's fees, but you know, we keep
15 hearing reasons why the debtor hasn't been able to do -- there
16 was no -- I didn't get an e-mail saying, "I can't do what I need
17 to do if you don't give me X, Y, or Z." There was no application
18 made to this Court to extend the time to file the plan.

19 I mean I believe that the Court should hold the debtor
20 to the December 1 confirmation.

21 THE COURT: As far as I'm concerned we're going forward
22 on December 1.

23 MR. CARLEBACH: Right, and let the debtor make whatever
24 application it needs to make to this Court to tee up its -- whatever

1 it's going to do for December 1, but I just think --

2 THE COURT: Can you provide a payoff? When can you
3 provide an updated payoff letter?

4 MR. CARLEBACH: We can have it to them --

5 THE COURT: Well, let's look at the old payoff letter
6 because it has -- does it have a per diem?

7 MR. CARLEBACH: I'm going to have to take a look at
8 it, your Honor. Yes. My client tells me that it does.

9 THE COURT: Well, let's have a look at it and confirm
10 that.

11 (Pause in proceedings)

12 MR. CARLEBACH: I would just point out that our proof
13 of claim, which was Exhibit A to our -- actually Exhibit A to
14 their objection to our plan, has the interest rate right on the
15 page. They attach our proof of claim. It's got an annual
16 interest rate of 11.3 fixed interest rate.

17 THE COURT: That doesn't really tell you the per diem
18 though, does it?

19 MR. CARLEBACH: Okay. Here's the payoff letter, which
20 is their Exhibit B. Per diem of \$185.12 in accrued, add per diem.
21 It's all right in there. It's Exhibit B to their objection.

22 THE COURT: Okay. So you've got that, and then I guess
23 any attorney's fees that have accrued.

24 MR. CARLEBACH: I'm sure there have been some

1 attorney's fees that have accrued, but again we're not --

2 THE COURT: Well, your fees right here for being in
3 this courtroom presumably are part of that, right?

4 MR. CARLEBACH: Exactly. That's part of -- that's
5 included in every mortgage, the mortgagee's -- creditor's
6 attorney's fees.

7 THE COURT: Right. So they would need to know that
8 amount.

9 MR. CARLEBACH: We can give that to them, Judge.

10 THE COURT: Okay. You want a payoff as of what date?

11 MR. PORTILLA: As of November 2015.

12 THE COURT: Sorry?

13 MR. PORTILLA: As of November 4th, 2015.

14 THE COURT: November. As of today's date?

15 MR. PORTILLA: As of today.

16 THE COURT: Okay. So can you give him a payoff by
17 Friday?

18 MR. CARLEBACH: We can, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay. And other than that I think we're
20 going to go ahead on the 1st of December, and I'm not changing
21 -- none of the dates set forth in my letter -- in my order are
22 changing, so you're going to be -- better be prepared to come
23 here and try your case on December 1st.

24 MR. PORTILLA: Understood, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Okay. So I'll just adjourn this whole
2 thing to December 1.

3 MR. CURTIN: Your Honor, I know I bring this up at every
4 conference, but we still have the issue of the operating reports
5 that still haven't been filed. Those were supposed to be filed.
6 I know there's allegedly an issue with the receiver, but if we
7 can get a status update on what's going on with that.

8 MR. PORTILLA: I think there were some filed maybe about
9 an hour or two ago.

10 MR. CURTIN: Okay. Well, I've been here, so I wouldn't
11 have seen them.

12 MR. PORTILLA: I think the real -- this is a debtor
13 who -- I represent enough debtors before this Court, and I'm on
14 the hot seat usually for MOR's. It's the debtor's responsibility.
15 I have often had to take receiver reports and recast them in
16 a way that makes the Office of the UST happy --

17 THE COURT: Your point being what?

18 MR. PORTILLA: -- and the information is out there.

19 THE COURT: Your point being what?

20 MR. PORTILLA: My point being that I think that the
21 question needs to be posed to debtor's counsel, "Why have no MOR's
22 been filed in this case?"

23 MR. CURTIN: Are you saying --

24 MR. PORTILLA: Because we don't get the information.

1 It's just not -- this is a cooperative receiver. He's available.

2 He's --

3 THE COURT: Doesn't he -- doesn't the receiver prepare
4 monthly reports?

5 MR. PORTILLA: They're not -- I don't know if they're
6 exactly monthly. Maybe he puts more than --

7 THE COURT: Okay. Well, Mr. Portilla, it's your job
8 to do whatever you have to do to get the information you need
9 to do that.

10 MR. PORTILLA: Right.

11 MR. CURTIN: And we'll look at them, your Honor. I
12 wasn't aware that they were filed.

13 THE COURT: All right. So I'll see you on December
14 1.

15 MR. PORTILLA: Okay. Thank you.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Catherine Aldrich, certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the electronic sound recordings of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.



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Catherine Aldrich